

*What is claimed is:*

1 1. A system for interactive wagering on an event from a remote location over a  
2 network, comprising:  
3 a general-purpose personal computing device in communication with the network,  
4 the general-purpose computing device providing a user-customizable personalized  
5 wagering experience;  
6 a wager server, in communication with the general-purpose computing device  
7 over the network, for receiving wager information related to the event from a user;  
8 an event location device, in communication with the wager server over the  
9 network, for compiling results information related to the event and providing settlement  
10 information related to wagers placed.

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12 2. The system of claim 1, further comprising:  
13 a financial center, in communication with the network, for supporting an account  
14 of the user and receiving the settlement information from the event location device;  
15 wherein the account of the user is debited based on unsuccessful wagers and credited  
16 based on successful wagers.

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18 3. The system of claim 1, further comprising:  
19 a receipt printer for issuing receipts and a barcode scanner for scanning issued  
20 receipts, the receipt printer and the barcode scanner providing data to the general-purpose  
21 personal computing device.

1           4.       The system of claim 3, wherein the system is adapted for use by a retail  
2 user.

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4       5.       The system of claim 1, further comprising:  
5           a credit card reader in communication with the general-purpose personal  
6 computing device for enabling the system for credit card transactions.

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8       6.       The system of claim 1, the general-purpose personal computing device  
9 comprising a personal computer running software customizable by the user, wherein the  
10 personal computer enables the user to save one or more wagers for future placement or  
11 repeat placement.

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13       7.       The system of claim 1, wherein the wager server communicates with a plurality of  
14 users using a plurality of general-purpose personal computing devices, and with a  
15 plurality of event location devices, thereby enabling wagering on a plurality of remote  
16 events.

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18       8.       The system of claim 7, further comprising:  
19           a plurality of wager servers.

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21       9.       The system of claim 1, wherein the general-purpose personal computing device  
22 provides the user-customizable personalized wagering experience by communication

- 1 with the wager server, wherein the manner in which content served by the wager server is
- 2 controllable by the user.